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FBA Meeting Monday, January 29

8 pm

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.
Manus J. (Jack) Fish, Jr.

Director of the National
Capital Region, NPS

Beauty and Recreation



Join us on January 29 to hear "Jack" Fish talk about a subject close to his heart—The National Park Service. Next to his family Jack lives and breathes for the NPS. At the tender age of 50 years young Jack Fish is responsible for about 50,000 acres of parklands located in Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia.

Our pride and joy for a day's outing, Harper's Ferry is under Jack's jurisdiction, as is the C&O Canal, the battlefields in Manassas, Great Falls, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Ford's Theatre and many more interesting places. The well-kept and beautifully-flowered

park areas in the City also "belong" to Jack. (Give our new Mayor Marion Barry a little time and he will make the City's parks equally nice.) Skating rinks, tennis courts, swan boats on tidal basin, all the parkways in and out of the city—want to hear more—all are in part of Jack's turf.

While managing all this, Jack has managed to amass a family—a wife and 12 children. Nine are still at home. As one of his staff said to me "He is a romanticist—he's all for love and beauty". Jack Fish has been cited for his efforts in improving our area parks and recreation facilities, for his work with the handicapped, and recently he received the highest honor his agency could award him—the Distinguished Service Medal. He received this award primarily for his work on the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration.

Jack lives in McLean, Virginia, is an Engineer (always wanted to be an engineer for as long as he can remember), graduated Magna Cum Laude from Catholic University, joined the National Park Service in 1952 and became Director of the National Capital Area in 1974.

COME OUT JAN. 29 to hear Jack talk about present and future programs of the NPS. Come help us thank him for the beauty and pleasure he brings to us everyday in our Foggy Bottom area and in the neighboring Md., Va. and W. Va.

The "I" Street Mall

As most Foggy Bottom residents and others who use the Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro Station are aware, the section of I Street between 23rd and 24th Streets has been closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for more than a year. During this period the question of who would ultimately own this land, and the use that could be made of it, have been the subject of difficult and intense negotiation. The City, the University and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, speaking for Foggy Bottom residents, have been the principal parties involved.

Recently, it was decided that the University would own the tract provided it would be developed as open space for public use and that none of the zoning benefits in terms of increased building height or density, normally associated with privately-owned open space, would accrue to the University.

Accordingly, the University is now preparing to landscape and to otherwise improve the area as agreed. They have had a plan prepared by qualified architects to show some of the things that can be done in the space available, and they have called upon the Foggy Bottom Association to provide citizen input.

Al Cottrell, President of the FBA, has appointed a committee to meet with representatives of the University to discuss their proposal and to suggest any modifications or changes in the plan which may seem appropriate. This meeting will take place one week before the January 29 meeting of the Association. A report on the GWU proposal and the FBA response will be an agenda item for the January meeting.

FBA members who will discuss this matter with the University are Howard Feldman, Mary Healy, Bill Lattin and Pam Mack.

A Site on the Potomac

by
John Melville Jennings
Director
Virginia Historical Society

This article, which appeared in the October 1977 Bulletin of the Virginia Historical Society, illustrates the consideration given to transportation in determining the location of our nation's capital.

High on the agenda of the many matters confronting the founders of the republic was the problem of deciding on a site for the "federal city." The issue was publicly joined when, in the Continental Congress in 1783, Elbridge Gerry, of New England, moved that buildings be erected for the use of that body either on the Delaware River near Trenton or on the Potomac near Georgetown, provided that a "district" could be obtained for that purpose. While sectional lines were not immediately drawn, the Virginia and Maryland delegates naturally supported the Potomac location, and the members from farther north favored a point on the Delaware. Some legislative maneuvering ensued, and it led in 1784 to a survey of a site on the Potomac adjacent to the village of Georgetown. Later in the year, however, Congress adopted a measure calling for the erection of the projected town on the Delaware.

Meanwhile, Thomas Jefferson, intrigued by proposals for making the Potomac a trade route from the Ohio Valley to the seaboard, had concluded that "Nature . . . has declared in favor of the Potomac and through that channel offers to pour into our lap the whole commerce of the Western world." George Washington and James Madison were fired by the prospect, Washington to such a degree that he became a principal figure, along with an unusual number of the Virginia and Maryland gentry, in launching the corporate Potomac Navigation Company in Alexandria in 1785. The work of the company progressed to such an extent that the project reduced the chances of creating a national capital on the Delaware.

Nevertheless, the Congress in 1787 rejected the Potomac proposal. In 1788, when the Potomac was opened to limited navigation through the efforts of the company, the legislatures of both Virginia and Maryland each allocated districts 10 square miles for release to federal control if used as a site for a federal city.

But when a bill was introduced in 1789 in the First Congress under the Constitution to establish a seat of government, it quickly became apparent that the New Yorkers, backed by the New Englanders, wanted the government centered at New York City. The Pennsylvanians were equally resolved to locate the capital "somewhere in Pennsylvania."

The Southern delegates, on the other hand, remained firm in supporting the Potomac site. Although George Washington sought to stay aloof from the debate, William Maclay, of Pennsylvania, confided

in his diary that "It is, in fact, the interest of the President of the United States that pushes the Potomac."

"He," Maclay continued, "by means of Jefferson, Madison, Carroll, and others, urged the business."

The purpose of the preceding paragraphs is finally reached, for the Virginia Historical Society, under the Carrie Wheeler Buck Memorial Fund, has acquired one of only two known surviving copies—the other is in the Library of Congress—of a superb broadside printed in Alexandria in December 1789, extolling the qualifications of Alexandria, and less forcibly those of Georgetown, as the site for the "Seat of Federal Government." Addressed to "the principal Towns in the Eastern States," the lengthy text, with quotations from Jefferson's *Notes on the State of Virginia*, supplied "an impartial and candid detail of those circumstances, which render the Potomack the most eligible situation in the Union." A committee of 10 citizens, appointed to convey "the Sentiments of the inhabitants of Alexan-

dria and George-Town," signed the impressive representations. Although President Washington did not sign the document, nine of the 10 signers were stockholders in the Potomac Navigation Company.

As far as can be ascertained, the text of the broadside has never been republished nor has it been cited in any of the numerous articles, monographs, and books treating the history of the nation's capital. Yet it was a significant document in the carefully orchestrated efforts of the Virginians—notably Jefferson—to locate the seat of government on the Potomac River. The final movement in that drawn-out matter was less edifying. Jefferson, in 1790, in return for Alexander Hamilton's influence in support of a southern capital, was obliged to deliver the Virginia congressional vote in favor of Hamilton's proposal for federal assumption of state debts incurred during the American Revolution. In these latter decades of the twentieth century, there perhaps are old-line Virginians who, contemplating the steady march of the federal metropolis across the northern reaches of the Old Dominion, view the bargain askance.



A drawing of the western end of Georgetown looking west along what was later Canal Road (Aqueduct Road) from what is now Key Bridge. The canal later flowed through this same between the road and the river. Three Sisters Islands are shown in the background.

What You Missed Last Meeting

At the November 27 meeting, the status of D.C. legislation relating to right turn on red and to apartment conversions was discussed by Steve Levy, Chairman of the Foggy Bottom-West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC). The ANC is on record in opposition to right turn on red, especially for the Foggy Bottom area where there is a great deal of pedestrian traffic. The FBA supports this position, citing, in addition, the hazard for the many elderly residents of the community.

As to applications for conversion "25" has one pending and that Columbia Plaza has recently filed. He urged the formation of a Tenants' Association at these locations to work on resolving tenants' problems with the owners.

Al Cottrell, FBA President, asked for suggestions for landscaping and other facilities for the small triangle

at New Hampshire and I Street. Any received will be considered in the development of an FBA plan for this mini-park.

Oleg Lobanov, Managing Director of the National Symphony Orchestra, was the guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Lobanov is primarily responsible for administrative and logistic operations. The Board is primarily concerned with publicizing activities of the orchestra and the most important undertaking of fund raising. Although many people believe that the orchestra is the recipient of government funds, the contrary is true. It is supported solely by subscription and by contributions of individual and corporate devotees. The Board and the Orchestra are continually working to broaden the base of their support by arranging special programs designed to reach audiences other than the regular concert goer.

Bulletin Board

Notes of Interest

Foggy Bottom has made it to the big time! People are beginning to stand up and take notice of our area. Suzanne Berry Sherwood has done a master's thesis on us, which is being published as a monograph *Foggy Bottom: Study in the Uses of an Urban Neighborhood, 1800-1975*. It tells about our sleepy Southern crossroads with plantations down to the river, then our industrial area with warehouses, ethnic working class neighborhoods where people are employed at the gas works and breweries, the slums and street gangs, the middle-income community living in townhouses (many still standing today), and then to the modern complexes, the State Department, and the George Washington University campus. **The book will be available at the George Washington Bookstore on the ground floor of the Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, N.W., for \$4.00.**

Letters

Colonial Arms
939 26th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037
January 16, 1979

Mr. Peter J. Fitzgerald
6820 Elm Street
McLean, Va.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

As you are well aware, the Colonial Arms tenants and their property have been the victims of repeated criminal assaults and robberies (2 rapes, 2 assaults with deadly weapons, 3 robberies and 1 attempted robbery) on and about the premises in the last 6 months. In spite of this alarming increase in violent criminal activities on portions of the premises exclusively under your control, you have failed to take any security measures within your power to minimize the predictable risks to the tenants.

The Cononial Arms tenants believe you have a legal duty to take protective measures to maintain and keep secure all entrances, exists, stairways, hallways and other parts of the property under your exclusive control for use in common by all tenants. This duty encompasses the obligation to protect against predictable criminal acts by third parties. The record unequivocally supports a finding that you have been grievously derelict in this duty.

We, the Colonial Arms tenants are appalled and distressed by your continued indifference to your duty to provide secure premises and by your failure to take immediate corrective actions despite our urgent requests in numerous discussions and correspondence with you and your agent, Mr. Fowler. We feel that our lives and property are in imminent danger!

After discussions with various agencies of the District Government and law enforcement persons, we feel compelled to take action in defense of our lives and property. As a result of a unanimous decision by the tenants in a meeting held Saturday, January 13, 1979, we have arranged for the immediate installation of new front doors and a telephone security system.* Since we believe that you are primarily responsible for

*It is our understanding that MPD Detective Walter Johnson spoke with Mr. Fowler in September 1978 regarding the immediate replacement of the defective front door. Absolutely no action was taken by you or Mr. Fowler.

West End Citizens Association Meeting—Thursday, January 25, 8 p.m., Red Cross Building, 2025 E St., N.W.

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Concerts

Oberlin College Choir

The Oberlin College Choir, acclaimed as one of the finest in the nation, will present a concert on Tuesday, January 30, at 8 p.m. in Lisner Auditorium of George Washington University. Tickets are \$5 and further information is available by calling Ms. Anne Wickham at 546-2976.

Conducted by Daniel Moe, the Choir annually tours different areas of the United States, performing choral masterworks of the 16th through 20th centuries. This year's program will feature works by Nystedt, Philips, Durufle, and Pergolesi, and will be highlighted by Benjamin Britten's Hymn to St. Cecilia and Mozart's Missa Brevis, KV 194.

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security, the cost of the new system will be billed directly to you. We trust that payment will be made as expeditiously as possible.

Yours truly,
Olga Corey, President
The Colonial Arms
Tenant Association

As Editor, I am sorry to see such a letter come to me. I am disappointed in any apartment manager who would let this happen to its tenants. But, now it has happened and its up to us, the citizens of Foggy Bottom, to see that these things don't happen again.

Let me first offer my condolences to those of you affected by the robberies and muggings. My home was recently burglarized, so I understand your situation. But I don't wish to leave it at that. Something needs to be done to stop the crime in our neighborhood.

The residents at the Colonial Arms have done something about their plight. But that is just a beginning. More needs to be done. These neighbors aren't the only ones affected by crime in Foggy Bottom. All of us are vulnerable, no matter how securely our home is protected.

At this time I would like to get a count of all of the muggings, rapes, robberies, and any other crime that has been committed in our neighborhood. If any of you have been victims, please drop me a note as to date, time, place, and crime. I am going to compile a list of crimes in our area in the last year, along with a letter to the police department, appealing for more patrolmen, preferably foot patrolmen, to cover our area. Any

The Sound of Music at St. Stephen's

by Melita Rodeck

Among Washington church choirs Foggy Bottom's St. Stephen's Choir ranks among the best. Visitors from the entire Metro area enjoy it and frequently express their appreciation.

Under the leadership of Dick Rancourt, organist and choirmaster, the choir sings mostly classical and liturgical choral works. Members enjoy the opportunity to get involved in music making, in addition to deepening their understanding of music. The choir also sponsors parties and recreational activities for its members. At present the choir has vacancies for contraltos, tenors and bass/baritones—volunteers with at least an elementary ability to read music are invited to consult the Choirmaster, Mr. Rancourt, between Masses on Sundays or by telephone at home on 554-3075 or during normal working hours on 737-6212. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room in the rectory basement.

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other suggestions will be greatly appreciated. But, in the mean time, it is important for all of us to take every precaution to avoid a situation like the one at the Colonial Arms.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Maureen K. Holscher
Editor, Foggy Bottom News
22 Snow's Court, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Editor,

In the November issue of the *Foggy Bottom News*, there was a listing of "services in Foggy Bottom". The Humane Society of the United States was listed. I'd like to bring to your attention that many people have the mistaken notion that this is a place to bring lost dogs, unwanted pets, injured animals, etc. We're not a shelter or pound for animals.

The Humane Society of the United States is a charitable, tax exempt national animal welfare organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., regional field offices, a state branch in New Jersey, and an education center in Connecticut. The HSUS is active in virtually every area of animal protection. We try to spread the humane ethic and philosophy through educational, legislative, investigative, and legal channels....

Most Sincerely,
Holly Sherer
Public Relations Director

Dear Ms. Sherer,

Thank you for your letter. I am sure everyone is pleased to hear that we have such a worthwhile organization right here in the District.

Foggy Bottom Loses A Remarkable Lady

Mrs. Angeline James, assuredly the grand old lady of Foggy Bottom passed away January 6 in Sibley Hospital. Mrs. James, who lived at 2507 Eye Street, was well over 100 years of age.

Several years ago she was the subject of an article in the *News* by Jane Planck. At that time she indicated she was born in Virginia in 1877 of parents who were freed slaves. Married twice, she moved to the Eye Street house about twenty years ago.

As Jane said then, except for a hearing problem, "the years have touched her lightly and you would never guess her age."

Services were held at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, which formerly was located at 25th & H Streets. She is survived by her nephew, Daniel McCane, who with his wife Bertha, has lived with Mrs. James for several years.

Ellie Becker

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Seen A r o u n d the Bottom

by Mary E. Healy

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years—Where has the time gone??? 'Fraid I didn't have much time during this busy period to really poke around. This month we will have just some miscellaneous chit-chat—vegetable soup so to speak.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington has proposed a merger of four inner city high schools for girls into one school. If approved, affected will be the Immaculate Conception Academy at 24th and K. The merged schools would be located at St. Anthony's School in Northeast Washington. Open Hearings of the Archdiocesan School Board will be held in January to test community reaction to the proposal.

Did you notice the owner cleaned the area in front of "Rosenblatt's" store at 25th and K. Regardless of who eventually occupies that property it will always be Rosenblatt's to us, I guess. Nice holiday present to have the sidewalk clean. Thanks.

MATTIE SHIPPEN of St. Mary's Sr. Adult Fellowship Club made it back home the first of the year after major surgery. She's doing just fine—courage is what Mattie has lots of. We are so glad that you are back, Mattie, and are looking forward to your getting active again in the distribution process of the Foggy Bottom News.

It's working! I got a wrong number at the District Building the other day and after I apologized the voice on the other end said: "that's all right, dear, it happens to all of us sometime—and you have a nice day, now. After I picked myself up off the floor I said (to myself) "thank the Lord for small favors and for Mayor Barry's follow-through on a campaign promise".

Wayne Chucko is the new Manager of Guest Quarters at 801 NH; big, husky red head, eager to make our guests happy.

DON'T TEAR IT DOWN is having its 3rd GREAT PRESERVATION AUCTION on February 25 at the Sheraton Park Hotel. They're looking for donations of items to be sold of: Memorabilia from Washington History (something that was used in a famous house, or during a historical period); books or artifacts that relate to Washington History; architectural advice, interior decorating or landscaping service, and, of course, money. Got any? Call 223-1246. They also want volunteer help to serve the auction—could be fun. Attendance at the auction would be a nice way to say goodbye to the old Sheraton Park Hotel (Wardman to those of us who have been around awhile); it is being torn down to make way for a new hotel on the old site.

Did you know that our Foggy Bottom METRORAIL station has reached almost 10,000 passengers per day?

How many of you jumped back in surprise when Marmaduke Arm-

brewster flew up at you from the lettuce in our Watergate Safeway? A common-everyday-garden-variety sparrow somehow got in the Safeway and had a ball startling the customers. Laura Margulas, a frequent customer at the Safeway pinned that big name on that little bird; said she really didn't know why, it just seemed to fit. The last I heard Safeway had called for help on how to catch the little fellow without hurting it.

The GOLDEN TABLE started a SUNDAY BRUNCH Jan. 14. From the menu I saw there will be a terrific selection of all kinds of good things to eat—from 11:30 to 2:30. The price range varies as well as the menu—thank you so much Seymour; I love Sunday Brunches but I don't like to have to eat everything on the table and, somewhere I must have some Scotch mixed up with the Italian and Irish, if I pay for it I'll eat it. So I'm glad I can get a little bit for a proportionate price as well as a whole lot for a reasonable price.

Wind, snow, rain, cold, —we've had them all recently. Surprisingly enough, it hasn't kept us from going about our business. Nothing really stops in our area like it does in other parts of the City or the Country. We are so conveniently located to all kinds of services—Kennedy Center, GW Theatres, restaurants, buses, Metrorail, stores, etc. that we all just keep on doing what we always do. We should count our blessings for living in Foggy Bottom—and protect what we have here every inch of the way.

Steve Levy reminds us that if any of us have to go to the Post Office to pick up a package, remember to go to the Georgetown PO station at 1215 31st St. It's no longer the 20th Street station.

Excerpts from some previous FB News, furnished me by Margaret McKiever of the Potomac Plaza might be of interest to you. (Margaret researched truckloads of material for the publication issued in connection with the dedication of the new St. Stephen Martyr Church several years ago.)

"Eddie Folliard, prominent newspaper man, who grew up in Foggy Bottom and attended St. Stephen's Church, reports that his chums were—an Irish boy, a Jew, a Negro, an Italian, and a German". We still have that same type make-up of people in our neighborhood, thank goodness. "The Rev. Arlington A. McCallum of St. Paul's Church held vespers each Sunday on a vacant lot in Snows Court...." "Restoration of the FB area began around 1954 or a little earlier... a good relationship was established between newcomers and old residents...." This has continued right to this day in 1979. "The Weather Bureau moved to Foggy Bottom at 24 and M in

1888". "George Washington University's first Commencement in 1824 was attended by President Monroe, members of his cabinet, and Marquis de Lafayette, then on his farewell visit to the United States. Also attending were Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, and Henry Calhoun. The Supreme Court and the Congress adjourned so that its members could attend the ceremonies." "In 1950 the Census showed that FB had an average income per household of \$2,000 and 80% of the houses were substandard."

Again, according to Eddie Folliard, "if Foggy Bottom was tough it was also religious. The area abounded in churches. Bearded rabbis moved from one Jewish home to another on Saturday. On a Sunday evening the melodious voices of negro evangelists could be heard for blocks. Catholic boys who missed mass at St. Stephens even had difficulty, sometimes, in getting their more devout pals to talk to them". Then, as now, Foggy Bottom was a very interesting place to live.

Our thanks to the Washington Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club for the Christmas cheer they spread among us on Christmas morning with their music and song. Everyone is sorry that the kids were a little late and that the cold and time made it necessary for some people to leave but those kids start out their Christmas Tour at 6 AM and continue through the City until about 1 PM before they disband to spend Christmas in their own homes. They deserve a load of credit as does the Foggy Bottom Association for sponsoring their appearance in our neighborhood and making a fiscal donation. Thanks also goes to the Watergate Bakery which loaded the kids up with candy and cookies, and to the Watergate Safeway which did the same thing with cookies and crackers—and to those people who made fiscal donations to the upkeep of the band. Let's make a New Year's resolution: Let's more of us try to come out and participate in the early morning spirit of Christmas—it's fun and a nice time to get to know each other a little better.

Busy as a bee-hive is the Potomac Overlook with its new residents moving in everyday and the Westbridge with new residents getting anxious about moving in late Spring or early Summer. I'm sure that all those new residents will find us just as friendly and helpful as we used to be back in the early days of Foggy Bottom.

Pray for a pleasant night (weather wise) and come to our Jan. 29 FBA Meeting. I've heard Jack Fish talk—he is personally an interesting speaker with a good story to tell. See you there.



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CH is Washington's only hospital established to treat women and infants exclusively, and one that continues to do so after more than a century of developing modern standards, procedures and programs which have served as a guide to hospitals throughout the United States and in many other countries of the world.

Have you ever given any thought to the thousands of women who came to Washington during and after the Civil War to search for relatives and friends, and of what happened to a great many of these women? Time and circumstances threw many of them, sick and without funds, on the mercy of residents and charities of the City. Sickness among the women became critically acute.

Under the strong leadership of Dr. J.E. Thompson, aided by Army and Navy Officers and their wives, a proposal was developed and presented to the Hon. E.M. Stanton, then Secretary of War, for a hospital for these women, most of whom were indigents with no money and needing someone to look after them. Result: 50 beds and a "full supply of medicine and medical stores."

Would you know that Columbia's first home in March of 1866 was in the HILL Mansion on the north-west side of Thomas Circle (then described as the most healthy part of the City? The Charter for CH was approved on June 1, 1866. The charter set out in explicit terms that its purpose was to establish a Hospital and Dispensary in the City of Washington for the treatment of diseases peculiar to women and for obstetrics. Costs for a week of hospital care then (for patients able to pay) were from \$6 to \$10! Oh, how we long for those days again!!

And, would you know that in 1873 Congress appropriated the huge sum of \$25,000 to buy the MAYNARD MANSION at 25th and Pa. Ave. (once the home of the British Embassy)? What do you think that Hill would cost today—four acres of prime land? The Mansion, once a center of the social life of Washington, took on a new role in its Social Services. I'll bet that very few of us today ever knew that we had any mansions in Foggy Bottom. See, I told you that besides bootleggers, crooks and the down-to-earth hard working man we did have some fancy dans in our area.

And would you know that the Hospital's charter stipulated that the Board of Directors include one Senator, two Congressmen and one of the DC Commissioners (that stipulation went by the wayside long ago). Or that along the way the Hon.

James A. Garfield served on the Board, and that a prominent member of the Board in recent history was John W. Hechinger. The current President of the Board, John A. Washington, is said to be the closest living direct descendant of George Washington. DC Councilman, the Reverend Jerry Moore, is a member of the present Board.

Do any of you remember the Gay Nineties? Well, during that period the Hospital established a Training School for Nurses. —CH was the first in the country to set up an affiliation with another School—Columbia and Children's Hospital—and a Red Brick Nurses Home was built with funds granted by Congress (looking won't find it; it burned down many years ago). 1893 saw the first graduates of the school. These graduates formed an alumnae association and in 1897 became known as the American Nursing Association; it is still going strong 82 years later.

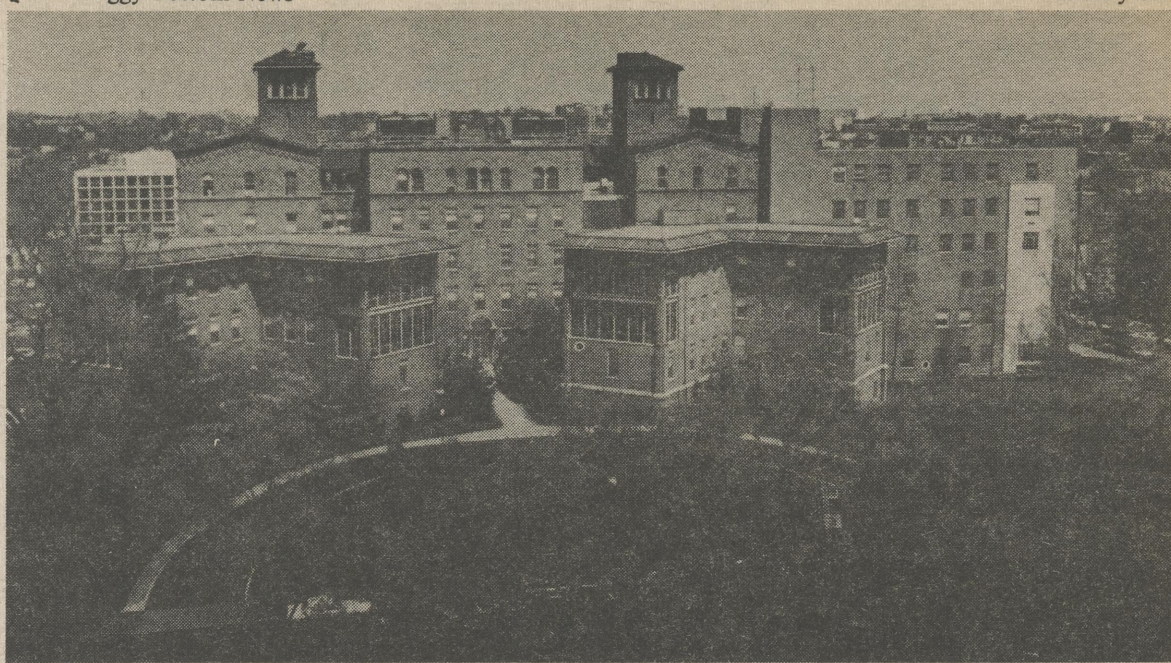
During the Spanish American War demand from the military camps for trained nurses resulted in another affiliation—one with George Washington University Hospital. Later affiliations came about with the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat and Emergency Hospitals (both now gone), with Bellevue in New York and Municipal Hospital for Contagious Diseases and Philadelphia General Hospital. Student nurses were sent from Walter Reed Army Hospital for training in obstetrics and gynecology. The Training School for Nurses was sadly disbanded in 1925 due to an acute need for repairs to the nurses quarters and the lack of funds to make them.

During those same 90's, two delivery rooms with all modern conveniences, bathroom closets, hot and cold water, and good facilities for heating were added to the Lying-In Department—making the hospital boast that their Maternity Department now compared favorably with the rest of the country.

By Annual Report time for 1899 the hospital had cared for a total of 840 patients, performed 343 surgical operations and delivered 310 babies. (In the year ending 1978 these totals are: 11,655 patients, 7,817 surgical operations and 2,961 babies delivered.)

Would you believe that in 1901 Bibles put in patients rooms were so appreciated that they disappeared in about an even ratio with patient dismissal? Would be nice to see us really caring that much to have that happen today.

What do you think the Electric light and supply bill for the entire hospital was back in 1905 —\$887.51! Gone are the days!!



Starting on its road to FIRSTS in the early 1900s, Dr. Truman Abbe of Columbia's Staff returned from the "Curie Clinic" and introduced the use of radium therapy for the first time in the United States. And during the same period CH was among the first Hospitals in the Nation to put in Recovery Room services for routine use in care of post operational patients —Results: percentage of death following surgery reduced from nearly 12% in 1899 to 3% in 1905. In 1978 there were only two adult deaths out of over 7,000 operations at CH.

As time moved on in the 1900s Columbia attracted some of the most able surgeons and physicians in the country. It had a high standard of efficiency, professionalism in its surgical and medical staffs, devotion to purpose and goals, and keen management. In spite of failure to receive funds for new buildings, Columbia stood out in the forefront as one of the leading medical institutions in the country. It has never relinquished that lead. This devotion and professionalism finally paid off in 1913 when Congress made available \$300,000 to construct a new hospital building, thus doubling the size of the hospital. June 6, 1916 was occupancy day—room for 130 patients. This is the building we look at now, sitting up on the hill. Hard to tell what the architectural style is; it was built primarily to afford light and air, peace and quite comfort, and expert medical attention to its patients.

This is the building I remember as a kid. Whenever I visited my friends and relatives in this area I made sure that I stayed away from that "Lying-In Hospital and Asylum." It, to me, was "that dark and gloomy house up on the hill" and I truly thought that it was a mental asylum. How wrong I was—inside it is a very happy hospital, both from a staff and patient standpoint. How could it be any-

thing else, with only two deaths in a year and almost 3,000 wonderful new lives?

Time and time again Columbia has fought off moves to make it a General Hospital, or to merge it with another City Hospital (like the former Gallinger Hospital), arguing that "specialization had made the Institution a national leader in obstetrical work, one which could point with pride to a low birth/death rate and a high disease recovery rate among its women patients.

Would you work for nothing for

three months (gosh, I almost forgot, I did once in my early days of depression employment)? Pride and devotion to the goals of the Hospital in the lean years of the 20's resulted in many hospital employees doing just that—working for nothing. Some nurses worked just for room and board, no salary.

The 20's brought some good things. Columbia was the first hospital to establish a footprint identification system (see picture). With the assistance of the FBI, footprints became a regular part of Colum-

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bia's medical records in 1925 and the hospital's program became a model throughout the country. During this period Dr. Joseph Kreiselman, a Columbia Hospital resident, developed a device to aid in immediate resuscitation of the newborn in respiratory distress; this was later to become standard delivery room apparatus.

Tough times were about in the 1930's causing Clinic Supervisor, Linda Woods, to refer to poverty as "the number one enemy of health." 49 years later the same statement could be repeated over and over. In spite of this, Columbia continued to lead the way in improved techniques; it established one of the first nurseries for premature infants in the country, resulting in far better care for premature babies. On my interview I saw a 1½ pound just-born-baby which could be held in the cup of your hand; it was doing well in the Intensive Care Nursery of the hospital.

From software to hardware—would you know that the iron fence you see on the 24th Street side of the hospital was taken from the old 16th Street reservoir way back in the 30's and was installed and painted by the WPA (to youngsters, that is the Works Progress Administration). The fence is a prize possession of the hospital.

Another first for Columbia—the first to conduct classes for expectant fathers—no mothers, actual or expecting, were invited to the eight monthly classes. And, a book "YOUR NEW BABY" by Linda McClure Woods, Executive Director of the Clinic, received recognition throughout the medical world as a "must for every prospective mother."

Wars play havoc with hospitals and Columbia was no exception. The Civil War caused a problem for women which helped get the hospital started. World War II imposed many hardships on Columbia. In 1941 the occupancy rate climbed to 90% and the 50,000th baby arrived (the maternity rate increased over 100%). Overcrowding, critical shortages of nurses and doctors due to absorption into the armed services, was an everyday problem—a critical one. Volunteer service increased during that period with the community coming to the fore to save the day. Still today, Columbia has a terrific volunteer staff of over a hundred. About 15 come from the Foggy Bottom area. They used to have more F.Bers before so many of the individual houses disappeared.

There are many responsible, concerned residents living in the rental apartments, condos and cooperatives. To you I say Columbia Hospi-

tal will welcome your help with open arms. So, call Katherine DeMelman on 293-6596 and join CH's Happy Family.



This footprint belongs to Jonscott Harrill who was born at Columbia Hospital on Jan. 19, 1956 (weighing in at about 9¼ pounds). Now a strapping young man of 6'2" Jonscott is the son of Joe Harrill (Harrill and Farr, hospital public relations firm) and his footprint now fits into a size 11 shoe.

The 50s brought some interesting facts: 51 pairs of twins were born in 1951. For the first time since 1888—24 babies were delivered in 25 hours on February 11, 1955 (almost Valentine presents). Columbia became the second hospital to have the new birth machine, which went one step beyond isolette incubation. Columbia was the first hospital to have under-pillow radio speakers, in keeping with peace and quiet goals of the hospital, lending aid and comfort to the patients. Designed for 1,000 deliveries a year, Columbia was now delivering 4,300 and performing 3,000 surgical operations annually. Something had to give—so between the Government's giving, a Ford Foundation Grant and private donations another new wing (the Wilfred Goodwin wing) was built in 1958. It provided additional delivery and surgical facilities, patient rooms and a new Clinic. 1952 brought the end to Federal responsibility for Columbia Hospital; President Eisenhower signed the law chartering CH as a private non-profit hospital. The 60's brought about a "Rooming-In" for mothers and a Jr. Volunteer Program was established, designed as a prep school for health careers—both are alive and well today. By way of explanation, "Rooming-In" covers a Birthing Room where the mother has her labor, delivery and recovery period without ever leaving her bed. The room, which was christened in October 78 with its first born, provides almost all the comforts of home, in addition to sophisticated life saving equipment being on hand if needed. The Birthing Room is an alternative to home delivery and conventional hospital delivery which lends itself to the preference of many mothers today for natural child birth.

Foggy Bottom News

Did you know that the population projection for the Washington Metropolitan area in the year 1980 puts female senior citizens at approximately 145,765? A whole lot of us to keep well, or make well. Thank goodness Columbia will be in the forefront planning how to do both for us.

In the 60's Columbia had 152 patient beds, 92 bassinets and 411 full-time employees; approximately 2.2 for every patient—that's the special care which they are so proud of; that's the special care which keeps the death rate down and the recovery rate up. By the end of 1978, in keeping with its desire to keep the hospital manageable and personal, CH had 154 beds (only 2 more), 83 bassinets and 502 employees (several of the doctors on the staff live in Foggy Bottom). 2,961 babies were born in CH in 1978 for a total over the hospital's history of a little more than 200,000.

Women's Boards are the backbone of any hospital; they help keep the hospital itself alive and well. The oldest Hospital Women's Board in the Washington area, and one of the oldest in the Nation, is the Women's Board of Columbia Hospital. As I understand it, Columbia Hospital's Women's Board, both spiritually and materially, was one of the strongest driving forces behind its early and later developments. The Board started in 1966 and it is still one of the main stays of the hospital.

Children's Hospital was born of Columbia's Clinic for Children. With no precedent to follow in the area of preventive work in the obstetrical field, Columbia instituted a program for Prenatal Care in 1919. They established the first Prenatal Clinic in 1921, setting up a model for other hospitals to follow.

Over the years, Columbia has developed a good working relationship with Francis Junior High School at 25th and N, and with the Immaculate Conception Girls Academy at 24th and K. The hospital makes every attempt to involve the young people of our area in career development which can be helped along by Columbia. This help is not necessarily limited to a medical career. A recent poster contest had all the earmarks of developing some outstanding artists.

In the United States in 1978, the District of Columbia had the highest infant mortality rate in the country. In the City, Columbia Hospital's infant mortality rate is 5.3 per thousand live births, less than half the national average, and less than 1/3 that of the District of Columbia. This is a very grave problem for our City, and a very complex one—no one simple answer will take care of the problem. Our new Mayor, Marion Barry, has put solving this problem high on his priority list. He has set up a Blue Ribbon Task Force to study the problem and develop solutions. Dr. John W. Scanlon of Columbia Hospital is a member of the Mayor's Task Force.

On a brighter side, in the late fall of 1978 Columbia Hospital had another first. Dr. Patrick Steptoe,

world famous British Gynecologist, made his first visit to an American Medical Institution since the birth of Louise Brown (the first so-called "test-tube" baby). Dr. Steptoe visited and lectured at CH over a three day period to a full house, including many internationally known physicians.

In 1978 Columbia turned their minds toward development and establishment of a Regional Prenatal Center—one where high risk pregnancies, with potential problems for both mother and infant, could be monitored for 8 weeks prior to and 8 weeks after delivery.

Some more interesting statistics

and facts: from 1976 through 1978, 103 sets of twins were delivered at CH. Arrington Dixon, Chairman of the DC City Council and Julie Nixon Eisenhower were born at Columbia Hospital.

An interesting feature of Columbia Hospital is its Ambulatory Care Center. This Center is a Community Service to the Community as a whole; it treats patients from Maryland and Virginia as well as the District of Columbia. It is open to everyone, strictly by appointment though—it is not a walk-in Clinic or an Emergency Room. Its hours are 8 AM to 4 PM; Telephone 293-6600. It

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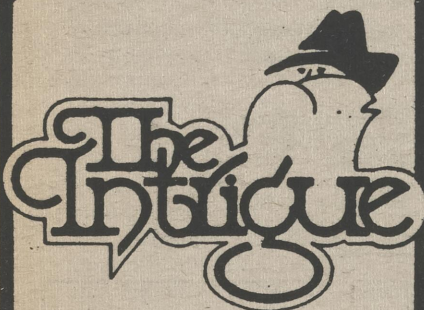
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ANC News from A to Z

ANC meetings upcoming are on:
February 6, St. Paul's Parish House
March 6—place to be announced

Active tenants associations have been newly formed in the Columbia Plaza complex and the 940-950 25th Street buildings.

By now the application will have been heard (January 3rd) on the application of the River Inn (formerly the Alamac) for a liquor license. This ANC, as well as the FBA, strongly opposed the application and testified before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Come to the ANC meeting and find out the latest status.

Board of Zoning Adjustment cases heard in December include those for the National Association of Life Underwriters and Norair Realty. The NALU is planning on expanding their offices at the corner of 20th and F. This ANC had no objection to the moderate and attractive building expansion, and so stated. However, we had to come down hard on plans to increase the parking for commuters when the NALU already has an excellent program of encouraging use of mass transit or carpooling. Their "transportation expert" was unable to satisfactorily answer many of the questions put to him by Steve Levy, and, at ANC request, the BZA Chairman struck this "expert's" testimony from the hearing record. As of this writing, we do not yet have a BZA decision.

Norair Realty applied for a new parking lot on 22nd Street above "L." Originally, the BZA had approved the lot. But the D.C. Court of Appeals reversed the BZA decision and ordered them to deny the application, because they would have been sanctioning an illegal use. After the hearing began on this lot, the BZA Chairman ruled that application could not legally be considered until a year had passed since the last application had been denied.

Condominium and cooperative conversions still appear to be in the offing. The latest notice we have received is for the Newport Apartments at 1260 21st St. That building's owners have received a certificate of eligibility to convert to a condominium and a certificate of exemption to convert the building to a cooperative.

Elections will be held for ANC officers at our January 9 meeting. Current officers are Steve Levy—Chairman, Ann Loikow—Vice-Chairman, Jim Molinelli—Secretary, and Hal Davitt—Treasurer. We don't know who will fill which seats yet, but each of us would like to rotate to another position.

In case you didn't know, when Marthlu Bledsoe resigned we tried to find a new commissioner for her Single Member District (2A03). The only applicant going through the petitioning and filing process is the FBA's own Anne Lomas. When the Board of Elections officially certified Anne, we are sure she will make a good, hardworking Commissioner.

On 23rd Street, a requested zoning variance to allow an auto repair garage was denied by the BZA. This ANC opposed the application because it was inconsistent with the existing residential zoning and uses.

Square 121—the proposed annex for the World Bank—moved into the second phase of hearings, this time on the specific plans for development within the broad guidelines previously set by the Zoning Commission. The George Washington University/World Bank plan seems to exceed the guidelines in several respects. At ANC request, a second hearing will be held on February 22 to allow the Department of Transportation to testify on traffic impacts. The current status is that the applicants have presented all but their last witness. Outgoing Councilman Doug Moore testified on our behalf. When hearings resume (on the 22nd at 1 p.m. in Room 11A of the District Building), GWU will complete its case, the government agencies will testify, and the parties in opposition will speak. Please join us.

The application by the ANC and by Don't Tear It Down for historic landmark status for Michler Row (1700 block of F Street) was accepted for hearing by the Joint Committee on Landmarks of the National Capital. The owner attempted to begin demolition and a temporary restraining order was issued. We will keep you posted. These houses have a long and distinguished history which goes back to a scandal involving their developer—"Boss" Shepherd. The owner has sued and we are still in court.

Upcoming soon is the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Two and Three Lafayette Centre, located between L & M, 20th & 21st Streets. When the developer initiated contact with us for One Lafayette Center, he solicited and incorporated many community ideas to make the development better serve the soon-to-expand West End community. Consequently, we strongly supported his initial PUD application and the creation (in 1977) of a simplified PUD process for non-controversial developments.

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Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There is good news for all of you who have worked so hard to keep hotels out of our neighborhood. The Zoning Commission is calling a special hearing on February 8, to consider emergency regulation to stop hotel conversions for 100+ days. More information should be available at the Foggy Bottom and ANC meetings, both to be held before the hearing. Come find out how you can help.

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The Center has been a part of the hospital since 1921. Approximately 12,000 visits a year are made through the Center, with 600 deliveries (these statistics are a part of the over-all Hospital statistics). Dr. Elizabeth Crisp chairs the Medical Staff Committee which has responsibility for setting the guidelines for operation of the Ambulatory Care Center.

An extremely pleasant happening took place at the Hospital in December '78. Lucy Lane was honored by the Medical Staff of the Hospital for her 60 years of continuous, devoted and dedicated service. "Miss Lucy" started to work at the Hospital when she was 12 years young—in 1919, starting out in the kitchen washing dishes and then assisting the Dietician. She now prepares food, serves special luncheon meetings, and assists the Head-Dietician. Oscar DePriest, MD, Chief of Surgery, presented Miss Lucy with a portrait of herself which will hang in a place of honor in the Doctor's Dining Room. To quote Miss Lucy—"I love them all," meaning all the staff at the Hospital. That warm, friendly and respectful feeling is certainly returned to Miss Lucy.

Another cycle is due—the buildings of Columbia Hospital are old and additional facilities are badly needed. Like always, Columbia's managers, professional medical staff, participating surgeons and physicians, and the Women's Medical Board have labored long and hard and finally they accomplished their objective. Shortly, we will see bulldozers, cranes and hundreds of workmen scurrying to erect a \$7.5 million dollar addition to the hospital on the 24th Street side of their property. It will be a three-story, 41,000 square foot addition, containing a new Pharmacy, Laboratory, Ambulatory Care Center, Labor Rooms, Intensive Care Nursery, Radiology, Adult Intensive Care Unit, Recovery Rooms and Central Sterile Supply.

A small 5,000 square foot one story addition will be built on the 25th street side for support services such as Purchasing, Materials Management, Linen Storage and Maintenance, Repair Workshops, and other essential functions necessary to keep the hospital going administratively. Completion date for construction is scheduled for late 1980. \$5 million of the \$7.5 projected costs are financed; the balance will be covered through solicited and voluntary contributions. The next step is to rehabilitate 32,000 square feet of the old hospital. After that, time alone will tell; first things first—

the current project is under way, contract let and notice to proceed with construction given. Neighbors and visiting community friends, please to tolerant of the construction noise and dirt; it is for an extremely good cause and for a very good neighbor—Columbia Hospital for Women.

To be protected during construction are the several trees on the grounds, some of which have been on the grounds since the early days of the Hospital at this site. Look around and feel good that the lovely old Chinese Elms, Pin Oaks and Magnolias will still be there when all the dust clears.

Many outstanding Administrators, Chiefs of Staff, Surgeons and Physicians have lead the way for Columbia Hospital. Among the active and extremely capable and dedicated Chiefs of the Medical Staff was our very own Dr. Elizabeth Crisp, resident-owner at the Potomac Plaza Cooperative Apartments (more about Dr. Crisp in another issue). Today we have two able Administrators leading the hospital: Mr. G. Patrick Kane, Hospital Administrator, and Mr. Robert L. Sloan, Assistant Administrator. Both are 1978 appointees.

Prior to coming to Columbia Pat Kane was Director, Administrative Services, National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. His degrees are from our own George Washington University. The Kane family, Pat, his wife Marriane and three children, live in Silver Spring, Md. Naturally I went to work on him about moving into the District of Columbia and hopefully into the Bottom—I didn't get a cold reception.

Bob Sloan came to Columbia from Prince George's General Hospital where his speciality was control and effective utilization of the fiscal and manpower resources of the hospital. His education was at Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, and he majored in health care of GWU. Bob is married and has three children, lives in Crofton, Maryland and, he too, didn't turn me down cold on moving into the City. His move may take a little longer.

Chief of the Medical Staff today is Dr. Melchior F. R. Savarese. His office is located at 2141 K Street. Kathleen Dollymore, R.N. is the current Director of Nursing. Her office is located in the Hospital.

I trust that this article will have raised your interest in Columbia Hospital, regardless of whether you will ever need its services. The Hospital has served our Country and our area well over many years; it is a respected part of our Foggy Bottom Community and we are proud to have it as our neighbor. We wish it another successful 113 years.

Women's Art Organization Meets

June Wayne, California artist, founder of Tamarind Lithography Workshop, and long-time advocate of artists becoming involved in government, is the featured speaker for lunch. Following the luncheon, the coalition will spend the afternoon on Capitol Hill making their requests known to their legislators. Monday evening's activity will be a wine and cheese session with government officials, including NEA, GSA and legislative staff, to exchange informal conversation and information.

For anyone interested in attending this conference and numerous other events related to women in art, please call the Women's Art Center at 332-2121 or Ms. Schoettler at 652-3811 for registration information.

A one-day conference by the

Coalition of Women's Art Organizations (CWAO) will launch a three-day convention in conjunction with the Women's Caucus for Art on Monday, January 29 at the Embassy Row Hotel. Registration for the CWAO Conference is set for 8 a.m. in the Hotel lobby.

According to the CWAO Executive Director, Ellouise Schoettler, this is the newly-formed coalition's first national conference and will be concentrating on improving the status of professional women involved in art.

One of the key speakers at the 9 a.m. opening session Monday will be Senator Harrison A. Williams (Dem. N.J.), who is Chair of the Senate Human Resources Committee and also introduced the National Art Bank Bill in 1978.

Articles on Investment

by Steve Levy

I will be writing a series of occasional articles for the Foggy Bottom News on how to get the most income from your investment dollar, consistent with your needs for security of principal, current income, and reducing taxes. To help explain what I will present, I first would like to give you several definitions from Webster's New World Dictionary.

Invest: to put money into business, real estate, stocks, bonds, etc. for the purpose of obtaining an income or profit.

Speculate: (1) to think about the various aspects of a given subject; meditate; ponder; especially, to conjecture. (2) to buy or sell stocks, commodities, land, etc., hoping to take advantage of an expected rise or fall in price; take part in any risky business venture or enterprise on the chance of making huge profits. SYNONYM: see *think*.

Gamble: (1.) to play games of chance for money or some other stake. (2.) to take a risk in order to gain some advantage.

All three of these words: Invest, speculate and gamble, are often confused or even misused in attempts to attract your money to a particular firm. All investments carry some risk, whether they be money, gold, land or anything else. These risks range from the insidious effect of inflation and taxation slowly eating away capital and income—to the other extreme where investments are volatile and can gain or lose huge proportions of their value in a single day. The largest fortunes in the world have often been created through hard work, informed speculation and calculated risks. But without being extraordinarily lucky (or using unethical business practices) the key to success is knowledge.

What I hope to do in this series is: (1) sort out the benefits and disadvantages of different types of investments; (2) help you determine which combination of investments will best meet your objectives; and (3) explain how some "good deals" are "too good to be true."

If we have anyone in Foggy Bottom who would like to co-author one or more articles, please call me. We need you to share your experience. I'd also be pleased to answer some of your investment questions in person or in a future column. My phone number is 333-7635 (before 10 p.m., please).

Now, I'd like to present a basic outline of the topics I hope to cover. They will not be published in this order, as I have been asked to cover a few timely ones first.

New ANC Commissioner

At 10:33 AM, in the District Building, on January 17th, 1979 Anne Keer LOMAS was sworn in officially as a Single Member District Commissioner from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A to fill Martha Bledsoe's vacant seat. A brief reception was held in Councilman John Wilson's office immediately after the inauguration ceremony.

Anne has lived in Foggy Bottom for the past 8 years and now owns a house on 25th Street. She is the elected Secretary of the Foggy Bottom Association and for the past 5 years was the Editor of the Foggy Bottom News.

We wish her great success in her newest endeavor and gratefully appreciate her continued commitment to the concerns of the community.

I. Basics of investing: Take care of basic living and health expenses (including a core health, life and disability insurance program) and recreation *before* investing. Basics which affect your investment, such as: inflation; income and tax deferral; taxable versus non-taxable income sources; burglars, safes, safe deposit boxes, and home insurance (and why I don't keep valuables at home); custodian services offered by bank trust departments, brokers and other vendors; investment advice—remember most of them are trying to sell you something; the more knowledge you have about a field the better you do and the less speculative it becomes; riding a popular tide versus basic investing or contrarian philosophies; and getting a good tax accountant to consider all the possible tax consequences of your investment.

II. Possible Investments:

—Supplemental retirement programs like I.R.A. and KEOGH accounts and how you are not limited to just long-term savings accounts, which is what the banks and savings and loans want you to believe.

—Annuities—the insurance company is willing to bet you won't live as long as you think you will

—Extra life insurance

—Tax shelters (such as railroad car

leading, oil well drilling, cattle, etc.)—when you need them and why not to get into anything promising you a fortune as well as tax write-offs.

—Real estate—your own home and investment property

—Tangible assets other than real estate (not intended to be an exhaustive list): Commodity futures; precious metals and foreign currencies; art; coins and stamps; silver; furniture; and "collector issues."

—Stocks and bonds: stocks and warrants; options and their permutations (puts, calls, strips, straps, straddles); taxable bonds/debentures, including convertibles and the use of deep discount bonds to reduce present taxes; tax exempts (and how municipal trust funds add the benefit of diversity and professional management); treasury issues (bills, notes and bonds); mutual funds (load versus no-load versus contract purchases); short selling and other perversities; savings and loans, banks, and money market funds as depositories for your cash.

I expect the treatment of each topic to be very short and concise, since there are many references available in the library for those who wish to go into greater detail. Only on a few topics, where I feel a special degree of expertise, will I go into much detail. Enjoy the series and, if you can, give us the benefit of your investing adventures—or misadventures.



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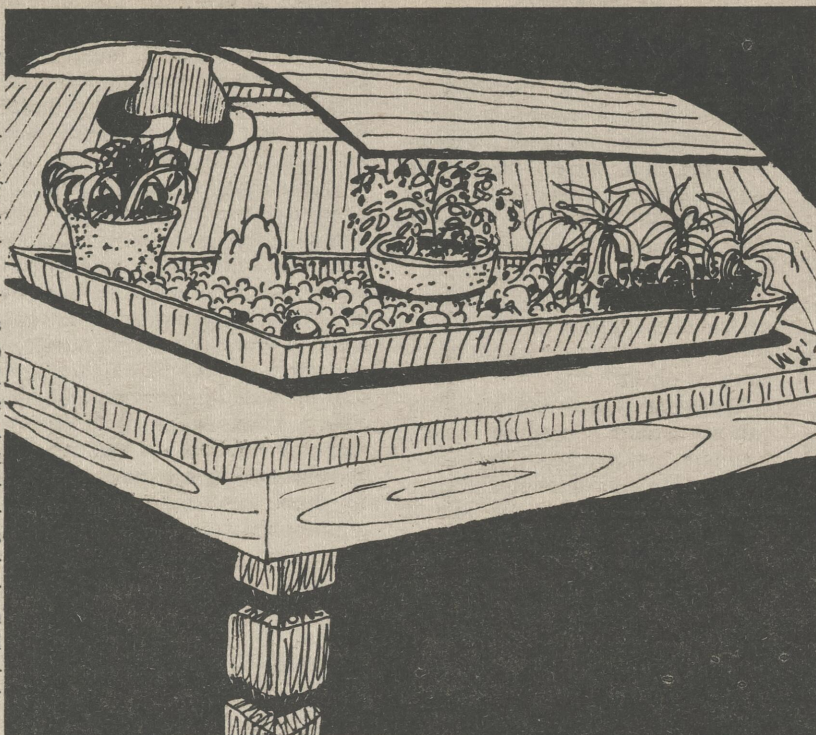
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Foggy Bottom Farmer

William S. Lattin



"If Winter comes can Spring be far behind" is no conjecture to the indoor gardener; the effects of Spring's forces are there under the florescent lights of a table garden or in a terrarium.

A table garden can begin under two 3 or 4 foot long florescent bulbs (one daylight and one natural light) below a reflector suspended approximately 18 inches above the table top protected by a metal tray. A stainless steel tray would be best, but you could form your own by bending up the edges of a sheet of aluminum from Hechingers. The tray is also to hold a layer of stone chips or gravel, an attractive setting for your plant containers and to flood with water for the added humidity needed to overcome the dry indoors. African violets do especially well under florescent lights.

Terrarium gardening, although on a much smaller scale, can be equally rewarding in developing miniature landscapes very simply. Velvety moss from a sidewalk crevice, golden, green or blue lichens on a bit of bark, or weathered stone from a woodland walk can all be used in forming the miniature landscape within the terrarium. Partridge berry, small-leaved English ivy, Fluffy ruffled fern, Dwarf palm, miniature African violets and begonia are some of the suitable plants, most of which can be obtained in any garden department or store.

Making your own glass terrarium can be enjoyable and simply done by adhesvie taping together the edges of window pane glass so as to form an open-ended glass box. The edges forming the open end are firmed into the soil contained in a metal or

plastic pan. An aluminum roasting pan does very well for a smallish terrarium, and a plastic kitty litter box for a larger one. Actually, the top of the glass box is kept hinged by tapping only one edge; this allows for the needed short periods of daily ventilation.

The pan-contained soil is built up from bottom to top with successive layers of stone ships or gravel followed by charcoal and finally the soil (sandy for dry habitat plants, and potting soil and peatmoss for moisture-loving plants such as fern and foliage plants). Your plants will do best if you choose those with similar soil, moisture or light needs.

If this winter you prefer to be an arm chair gardener but have no seed or plant catalogs, here are two excellent sources:

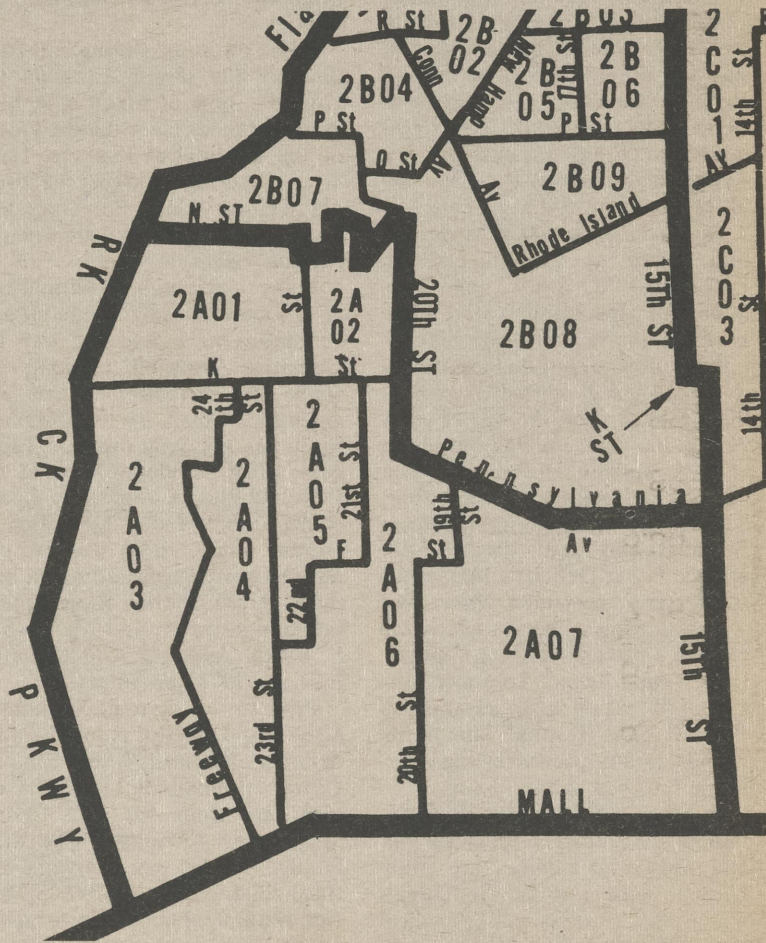
Geo. W. Park Seed Co., Inc.
Greenwood, S.C. 29647
Wayside Gardens (send \$1.00)
Hodges, S.C. 29695



Should the FBA and ANC Be Co-terminus

Your FBA Executive Board voted (9-2-1), on January 3, 1979 to have our Association's boundaries be the same as that of our local Advisory Neighborhood Commission. This issue will be discussed at the Jan-

uary meeting and voted upon by the membership at the February meeting. Should you have any questions, please appear or call Bob Charles at 965-2905 before the January or February meetings.



Gasoline Investigation Requested

John A. Wilson (D-2) sent a letter to Ms. Bette Robinson, Director of the Office of Consumer Protection, requesting a formal investigation be initiated into a very serious consumer problem developing nationwide within the retail gas service station industry regarding the substitution of leaded (regular) gasoline for non-leaded (premium) gasoline at the pumps.

Councilmember Wilson indicates in his letter to Ms. Robinson, that the result of substituting gasoline of varying octane levels at the pump, creates devastating economical and environmental problems.

He states ... "As the rising rate of inflation continues to drive up the

price of gasoline and other fuels and given the Carter Administration plans to de-regulate the Oil Industry ... I am confident we can look forward to these deceptive practices becoming more flagrant in the future ... causing consumers to unknowingly pay more than their fair share in dealing with the energy crisis."

Councilmember Wilson continues by stating ... "I would like to emphasize the need to protect consumers during this energy crisis ... I am therefore requesting that the D.C. Office of Consumer Protection initiate a formal investigation into this matter in order that we may determine the extent of such abuses in the District."

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